

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! We are in a severe drought here in Ada. The fire danger is elevated and we are certainly praying for relief from the heat and for much needed rain.

August is back to school month in Oklahoma. We hope that all applications for scholarships have been filed with the Education Department. All students are encouraged to study hard so that they can accomplish their goals. I will announce the winners of the Chickasaw Foundation scholarships in my article next month.

If you haven't already returned your ballot for this year's elections, do so immediately! The ballots must be returned to the election office by August 22 when they will be counted.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of June, 2006, there were 209 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 12,150. June Emergency Room visits were 1,023. June saw 252 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,223 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,789 patients in June. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,092 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,378. The Durant Clinic saw 1,746 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,233 in June.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address [mary.green@chickasaw.net](mailto:mary.green@chickasaw.net) or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.